

**CITY OF EL PASO
BUILDING & STANDARDS COMMISSION BOARD PANEL "B"
EL PASO DOWNTOWN LIBRARY, AUDITORIUM
501 N. OREGON
April 24, 2013
5:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Building & Standards Commission Panel "A" held a public hearing at the El Paso Downtown Library, Auditorium, 501 N. Oregon, on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Board Members Present:

Andrew Haggerty
Roman Hernandez
Michael Bray
Ben Bohannon
Lorraine Huitt
Geradro Licon

Others Present:

Karl Rimkus, Code Compliance Manager
Wendy Vineyard, Assistant City Attorney
Roger Iveson, Chief Building Inspector
Rafael Balli-Berlange, Building Inspector
Nellie Avalos, Building Inspector
Raul Carrillo, Building Inspector
Sonyah Cahalan, Building Inspector
Kevin Harrell, Building Inspector
Diana Cedillo, Senior Office Assistant

AGENDA

Call to Order

- I. The Building & Standards Commission meeting, Panel "B" was called to order by Chairman Haggerty at 5:41 p.m.

Chairman Haggerty swore in all witnesses present to give testimony on the cases heard.

- II. Approval of the October 31, 2012 minutes

Motion made by Michael Bray, seconded by Gerardo Licon, to approve the October 31, 2012 minutes, unanimously passed.

Regular Items:

- III. Public hearing to determine if the property located at 10731 Coral Sands, in the City of El Paso, is a dangerous structure and to determine if the owners will be ordered to secure, repair, remove or demolish the property. The interested parties have been identified as Diane Vasquez-Zimmerman, and she has been notified of this hearing.

The owner has been notified of the violations at this property, to date there has been no response or corrective action taken, and therefore the Department recommends that it be found:

1. That the structure be condemned as substandard, and unfit for habitation or use and a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
2. That the structure is not in substantial compliance with the municipal ordinances regulating fire protection, structural integrity, and disposal of refuse; and
3. That the structures' certificate of occupancy be revoked; and
4. That the main structure be secured and maintained secure within thirty (30) days; and
5. That the premises be cleaned of all weeds, trash and debris within thirty (30) day and maintained clean thereafter; and
6. That upon failure by the owner or any other interested party to comply with the order of the Building and Standards Commission the City may take whatever action is necessary to bring the property into compliance, and place a lien on the property for the work which will be done by the City.

Sonyah Cahalan, Building Inspector , read the item to record.

Motion made by Roman Hernandez, seconded by Michael Bray to delete this item from agenda, unanimously carried.

- IV. Public hearing to determine if the property located at 708 – 710 Hills AKA 708 ½ Hills, in the City of El Paso, is a dangerous structure and to determine if the owners will be ordered to secure, repair, remove or demolish the property. The interested parties have been identified as, Francis Febres and Ricardo Vasquez, and they have been notified of this hearing.

Sonyah Cahalan, Building Inspector, read the item into the record.

Rafael Balli-Berlange, Building Inspector presented the case.

Bray inquiring 2010 condemnation

Motion made by Michael Bray, seconded by Gerardo Licon, to accept staff recommendations, unanimously carried.

The owners have been notified of the property maintenance violations at this property. To date there has been no response or corrective action taken and therefore the Division recommends that it be found:

1. That the structure is substandard, and unfit for habitation or use and a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
2. That the structure is not in substantial compliance with the municipal ordinances regulating fire protection, structural integrity, and disposal of refuse; and
3. That the structures' certificate of occupancy remain revoked; and
4. That the structure cannot be rehabilitated; and
5. That the structure be demolished within thirty (30) days; and
6. That the premises be cleaned and maintained clean within thirty (30) days; and

7. That upon failure by the owner or any other interested party to comply with the order of the Building and Standards Commission the City may take whatever action is necessary to bring the property into compliance, and place a lien on the property for the work which will be done by the City.
- V. Public hearing to determine if the property located at 712 E. River, in the City of El Paso, are dangerous structures and determine if the owners will be ordered to secure, repair, remove or demolish the property. The interested parties have been identified as Victor M. Nevarez, and he has been notified of this hearing.

Sonyah Cahalan, Building Inspector, read the item into the record.

Kevin Harrell, Building Inspector, presented the case.

Haggerty, condemnation. Dallas stopped the process
Huitt, inquired about the property owner
Bray no subsequent hearing to revoke COP
Concerned about time due to next door prop,
Would like to demo in less than 30, due to condition of home.
Huitt asking about owners, no communication but has kept up with taxes.
Nellie 2010 condemned, since multi family, city cannot demo, needs to be sent to state and will be under commercial demo. Owner has not complied with demo, but cannot afford to take care of expenses.
Licon – recore of home not withstanding. Inquiring bout liability for the City of El Paso
Wendy – in agreement with liability issue

Motion made by Gerardo Licon, seconded by Michael Bray to accept staff recommendations, and unanimously carried.

The owners have been notified of the property maintenance violations at this property. To date there has been no response or corrective action taken, and therefore the Division recommends that it be found:

1. That the structures be condemned as substandard, and unfit for habitation or use and a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
2. That the structure is not in substantial compliance with the municipal ordinances regulating fire protection, structural integrity, and disposal of refuse; and
3. That the structure's certificate of occupancy be revoked; and
4. That the main structure be secured and maintained secure within thirty (30) days; and
5. ???That the garage, the accessory structure, and the rear dwelling structure be demolished within thirty (30) days; and
6. That the premises be cleaned of all weeds, trash, and debris within thirty (30) days and maintained clean thereafter; and
7. That upon failure by the owner or any other interested party to comply with the order of the Building and Standards Commission the City may take whatever action is necessary to bring the property into compliance, and place a lien on the property for the work which will be done by the City.
- VI. Public hearing to determine if the property located at 712 Ceres, in the City of El Paso, is a dangerous structure and to determine if the owners will be ordered to secure, repair, remove or demolish the property. The interested parties have been identified XXX and they have been notified of this hearing.

Sonyah Cahalan, Building Inspector, read the item into the record.

Raul Carrillo, Building Inspector, presented the case.

Haggerty, verifying demo on accessory structure
Bray, homestead exemption. Inquiring about the process,
Nellie, once condemned, homestead is removed. Although only accessory structure

Motion made by Michael Bray, seconded by Gerardo Licon, to accept staff recommendations, unanimously passed.

The owners have been notified of the property maintenance violations at this property. To date there has been no corrective action taken and therefore the Division recommends that it be found:

1. That the structure be condemned as substandard, and unfit for habitation or use and a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
2. That the multi-family structure is not in substantial compliance with the municipal ordinances regulating fire protection, structural integrity, and disposal of refuse; and
3. That the structures' certificate of occupancy be revoked; and
4. That the multi-family structure be demolished within thirty (30) days; and
5. That the premises be cleaned and maintained clean of all weeds, trash, and debris within thirty (30) days; and
6. That upon failure by the owner or any other interested party to comply with the order of the Building and Standards Commission the City may take whatever action is necessary to bring the property into compliance, and place a lien on the property for the work which will be done by the City.

VII. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by bray, seconded by huitt was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Andrew Haggerty, Chairman, Panel "A"

Roger Iveson, Chief Building Inspector
Code Compliance Division